(vi) To prepare speeches for visiting VIPs from India.

(vii) To bring out news bulletins in Hindi.

(viii) To assist in arranging Hindi classes and managing libraries, and information centres.

(ix) Delivering lectures and looking after Education aspects in the Mission.

(x) Liaison with local media.

Kashmir Liberation Front men involved in Matre murder

@1082. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front men involved in Ravindra Mhatre kidnapping and murder case escaped from Britain and went to Pakistan and the Government of Pakistan have not agreed to hand over these culprits to Britain; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the British Government had assured the Government of India that the investigations into the case would be firmly conducted, but in the absence of the above accused, the investigations are not being properly conducted, nor completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Three persons, namely Muhammad Mirza Aslam, Mohd. Mushrat Iqbal and Azhar Mahmood Shafi involved in the kidnapping and murder of Shri R. H. Mhatre were reported to have escaped from the United Kingdom to Pakistan. The Magistrate trying the case has issued warrants for extradition of these accused persons.

(b) A case of murder and Kidnapping has been registered against the 6 accused in Birmingham. The accused have been chargesheeted and preliminary proceedings for committal have begun on 10th July. Therefore, it will not be appropriate to comment on the propriety of the investigations at this stage.

Pak capability of producing nuclear weapons

@@1083. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sensational disclosures recently made by U.S. Senator Cranston regarding Pak capability of producing nuclear weapons with Chinese assistance and the danger of Indo-Pak nuclear war; and

(b) if so, what are details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to Senator Alan Cranston's recent presentation to the US Senate in which revelations were made about Pakistan's nuclear programme and Sino-Pak nuclear collaboration. According to Senator Cranston, Pakistan may acquire the capability to produce at least a dozen nuclear devices during the next three to five years.

In this context, Government have also taken note of statements as well as reports by Senior U.S. Officials and experts concerning possible Chinese collaboration in Pakistan's efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 612, transferred from the 27th July, 1984.

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. No. 616, transferred from the 27th July, 1984.

The possibility of Pakistan's nuclear programme having a military dimension would naturally be a matter of serious concern for India. Government are keeping a close watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security.

U.N. Conference on the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace

@1084. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Wil the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made regarding the proposed United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace;

(b) wheather any new initiative has been taken to have an early United Nations Conference and whether any discussion was held with Sri Lanka President in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) There has been little significant change in the position since reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2697 of 16th December, 1983. Two sessions of the UN *Ad hoc* Committee on Indian Ocean have since been held, the most recent having taken place from 9th to 20th July, 1984. The items discussed at the latest session *inter alia* included the draft agenda and draft rules of procedure for the propose Conference. Given the continue opposition by some countries to the finalisation of the dates of the Conference, no substantial progress could be achieved. The next session of the *Ad hoc* Committee is expected to be held prior to the consideration of this item at the 39th UNGA Session later this year.

(b) and (c) A draft framework of the Agenda for the proposed Conference, now under discussion, was a result of the efforts of the Nonaligned countries and was submitted at the March, 1984 session of the *Ad hoc* Committee

The subject of the proposed UN Conference on the Indian Ocean was not discussed during the recent visit to India of the Sri Lankan President, Shri J. R. Jaawadene.

Talks on border dispute with China

@@1085. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed for the next round of talks with China on border dispute between the two countries;

(b) whether the agenda for the meeting has been decided and where the meeting is proposed to be held; and

(c) what progress has so far been made for solving this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. The next round of official level talks between India and China is scheduled to commence from September 17, 1984.

(b) Though the agenda has yet to be formalised, it is expected to follow the past pattern and cover, besides the boundary question, other aspects of bilateral relations as well. The next round of talks will be held in Beijing.

(c) Four rounds of official level talks have already been held and as the House has been informed on earlier occasions, both sides have so far set forth their respective stands on the boundary question. In the fourth round, an attempt was made to evolve a set of common principles derived from the earlier discussions. These common principles were intended to be

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